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**Questioning Strategies**

**There are 3 types of questions that help to build comprehension.**

* **Literal, Inferential and Evaluative questions- help learners read and think in different ways.**

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| **Literal**  The answer is on the page | The answers to literal questions can be found directly in the text.  The information is clear and evident.  **Eg. What was the name of the main character in the text?** |
| **Inferential** | The answers to inferential questions can be located in the text but are normally implied. The answers can be found by “reading in between the lines”  **Eg. Why are pigs afraid of wolves?**  (The reader goes beyond the author’s literal statements to make inferences.) |
| **Evaluative**  On your own | The answer is usually found outside the text. (personal interpretation and reflection)  **E.g. How is the main character’s personality similar to your own?** |

Effective questions are powerful and thought provoking.

“Asking the right questions takes as much skill as giving the right answers. “Robert Half

“Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers.” Voltaire

“He who asks a question is a fool for five minutes; he who does not ask a question remains a fool forever.” Chinese proverb